

A National Disgrace.

"Greed never sleeps," says Collier's for January 21. "Those powers which are supposed to guard the public interests are not so wakeful, especially where the more ideal and permanent interests are concerned. A bill for the grabbing of more Niagara privileges for nothing, which was defeated at the last session, is to be introduced in the New York legislature again. Meantime those companies which have privileges are using them with more efficiency. The news despatches announce with awe and admiration that the largest working turbines and dynamos in the world have been installed on the Canadian side, with great success, which has been celebrated with speeches by distinguished guests. We should have liked to hear those speeches. No doubt the fact that each of a total of eleven units is of ten thousand horsepower, or a total of one hundred and ten thousand, was made a subject of rejoicing, and the probability that the force of Niagara might some time be used to light cities as far away as Cleveland was deemed a glorious outlook. Ten percent of Niagara's power can be diverted by the present equipment. When twenty per cent is reached, which should not at the present rate be long, there will be no water on the American side. In place of one of our great natural beauties will be a stretch of dry rock. The State of New York has spent over \$2,000,000 in acquiring the Falls from private owners and in improving and keeping in order their surroundings, but the power of corporation lobbies to secure what ought to belong to the whole people almost passeth understanding. An arrangement between New York, the United States, and Canada, to protect the Falls, ought not to be beyond the abilities of our statesmen."

Sentence Sermons.

Sorrows give strength.
Flattery makes no friends.
Soft soap washes no hearts.
Looking at sin leads to loving it.
Love is never afraid of overwork.
It doesn't take any gift to grumble.
The angry man always lashes himself.
Religion for reward would be sin for a sale.
A bed of roses soon wears down to the thorns.
The sure sign of a fool is that he forgets his folly.
Nothing enriches the world more than a happy face.
He who dwells on his troubles always dwells in them.

Board of Health Report.

The Plymouth correspondent of the South Bend Times gives a report of the secretary of the Marshall county board of health as follows: Dr. Martin secretary of the county board of health, since his induction into office, has kept a statistical record of all the matters pertaining to the office. The record shows there were 452 births in Marshall county in the year 1904, of which 240 were males 212 were females. Six of these were twin births. Upon a close estimate about 10 per cent were not reported, so that the actual number of births would approximate 500. The number of marriages for 1904 was 209, of which there were two groomed under 20, and 22 were 40 years old and upward. Of the brides and there were 56 under 20 years and 11 that were 40 years upward. It was the second marriage with 27 grooms and the third with four; 22 brides were married the second time. There were 571 deaths in the county during the year, of which 146 were males and 125 females. Eighty-three were over 65 years of age, and 43 were under 5 years. Thirty-three died of consumption and 27 of pneumonia or lung fever, these two diseases making nearly one-fourth of the whole.

Township Bill Killed.

A bill introduced in the senate to have the election of township trustees and assessors elected in August instead of at the time of the general election in November has been killed. The rejection of the measure was done yesterday by the adoption of a report from the committee on county and township business recommending indefinite postponement.

Dog Tax Decision.

If you own a dog you must pay the dog tax no matter if the cur dies or skips out the minute after being listed by the assessor. This is the decision of the state auditor, who rules that the tax must be paid on all dogs harbored or owned at the time of listing property, regardless of what becomes of the dogs thereafter.

OPPOSE PARDON FOR BROWN.

Elkhart Citizens Say He Never Has Shown Mercy to Others.

Goshen, Ind., Jan. 25.—There is a loud protest being made in this county against any measure to grant a pardon to Walter Brown, the Elkhart bank wrecker, now a convict in the Leavenworth (Kas.) Federal prison, not alone from the depositors in the bank that was looted or the former political adversaries of Elkhart county. The Elkhart people point to the fact that Walter Brown never showed any man mercy. They also point to the fact that great sums of money were taken from the bank by him through the last few years of the wrecked bank's existence. They say they will believe that if Brown is released he will be able to get out of the country and live a long life of luxury. They insist that before any pardon is granted some arrangement should be made by which Brown would tell all that he knows about secreted treasure and restore all that is within his power to the unfortunate depositors. Collins, the cashier, who is now a convict, it is said, received nothing from the funds of the bank.

To Change Legislative Districts.

A resolution providing for the amendment of the constitution of the state and providing for radical changes in the senatorial and representative districts will be introduced probably tomorrow by Senator Milburn.

By the provisions the state will be divided into fifty senatorial districts. Each county, however, which has more than one senator will be redivided into separate districts for each senator. The districts according to the resolution are to have as nearly the same number of inhabitants as possible and are to be composed of contiguous territory.

Another Way.

A stranger called at a hotel in a neighboring town and said he was very hungry. The landlord took him to the dining room and gave orders for his dinner. When he got up from the table a twenty dollar bill dropped from his handkerchief which he pulled from his pocket. The waitress picked it up and handed it to the landlord, who confronted him with the fact and at once took out seventy-five cents (fifty cents was the regular price), and returned \$19.25 so the stranger, who was apparently dumfounded and speechless. Later on the vigilant landlord learned that the bill was counterfeit.—Kendaville Sun.

Washburn Head

At the home of Mrs. B. F. Head on East Sophia street in this city on Wednesday afternoon occurred the wedding of Miss Nancy Head and Mr. George W. Washburn.

The bride is a niece of Mrs. Head and has always made her home with her. The groom is one of Tippecanoe's young gentlemen and has many friends there and in this city. They will go to housekeeping in this city with the best wishes of their many friends.

The out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. William Huffer of Hamlet and Mr. Filmore Head of Argos.

Took Her Back Home.

A wedding occurred in the county clerk's office last Saturday at Columbia City, a little out of the ordinary, when Miss Ella, daughter of Sylvester Morehead, became the blushing bride of Charles L. Gaylord. Mayor Harrison performed the ceremony. The bride is just at the marriageable age, sixteen, and was given away by her father, who, immediately after the ceremony, on account of the youthfulness of the girl, took her to his home and informed the groom that he could have her when he had prepared a home for her.—Ligonier Banner.

Ihrle-Hutchinsons

Mr. Howard Ihrle and Miss Etta Hutchinson were united in marriage Wednesday Jan. 25, at 3 o'clock, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hutchinson on East Garro St., in the presence of only a few immediate relatives, Rev. I. S. Cleaver of the United Brethren church officiating.

Mr. Ihrle's home was formerly at Elkhart, but has been employed at the Telephone Exchange in this city. Miss Hutchinson is well known in this city, having resided here for about ten years.

The happy couple have the best wishes of their many friends in this city.

VOTE SUBSIDIES BEFORE MARCH 15.

Logansport South Bend Promoters Trying to beat out McDonald bill.

Attorney Frank Swigart, counsel for the Logansport & South Bend Traction Co., yesterday stated that all of the petitions for subsidy elections to the commissioners of the different counties through which the road will pass will be filed by the middle of this week and that all of the elections will be held 30 days later. It is necessary to wait 30 days after the petitions are filed.

It will be impossible to pass before March 15 the bill of Representative McDonald, now pending in the House, which would do away with subsidy elections, and it is the belief that the subsidies to the Logansport & South Bend road can be voted before that time.

However, it is doubtful if the McDonald bill, if it becomes a law, will affect his company. The bill has yet been printed and its exact contents are unknown, but it is reliably reported that the measure exempts all roads that have asked for subsidies prior to its introduction.

The residents along the right of way of the Logansport & South Bend line are so anxious for the proposed road that they state they will buy the right of way and give it to the company in the event that the subsidies are made impossible by a new law. The promoters are not discouraged and make the statement that the road will be built in any event.—Logansport Journal.

Meeting of the Farmers State Congress of Indiana.

ROOM 12, STATE HOUSE, INDIANAPOLIS, FEB. 7, 8 AND 9.

The Farmers Congress of Indiana was organized two years ago for the purpose of bringing the farmers of the state closer together for mutual advancement and good, and to act in harmony with the Farmers National Congress in advancing farming interests and conditions generally.

The meeting last year was an especially interesting one, and was well attended. The annual report of last year's session has been sent to the chairman of each county institute in the state, and copies will be sent to anyone applying for same to the secretary, W. H. Newsom, of Elizabethtown, Ind.

This year's session promises to be even more interesting and profitable than those heretofore. This program is an exceptionally good one, and those who will address the meetings are men well on in their subjects. All farmers and others interested are invited to attend these meetings, as they are open to all, and those who attend will certainly be amply repaid for so doing.

Improvements Are Contemplated.

Rev. Crowder of the Methodist church is stating a movement to make extensive repairs on the house of worship in this city. While the church building is substantial and too good to be replaced with a new building, yet it is far behind the times in point of architecture, and not in keeping with other improvements in our city; and that improvements are needed is not a question.

It is contemplated to put in art windows, paint the walls, and we might suggest that modern pews would be appreciated by the large congregation. A move will also be inaugurated to put in a fine pipe organ, something that is badly needed.

A large number have recently united with the church and the membership is in a flourishing condition.

The Editor's Career.

The stork disappears and we look into the cradle and behold a male child. After running the gauntlet of measles mumps and chickenpox, he enters school. At the age of ten he is a red-headed, freckle-faced boy and the terror of the neighborhood.

At the age of twelve he is an apprentice in a printing office. At eighteen he has acquired two cases of long primer and an army press, and is the editor of a county newspaper. At twenty he is married. At thirty he is bald headed, stooped shouldered and the father of a large family. At thirty-five he is a corpse in a cheap pine coffin, and 500 delinquent subscribers file past his bier for the last look. They are heard to say: "He was a good fellow, but he couldn't save his money"—Ex.

Mrs. R. A. Chaney has gone to Decatur where she will spend a month with relatives.

Mrs. Fred Corse is spending a few days with friends at Lakeville.

FORECAST FOR FEBRUARY.

Much Rain, Snow and Cold Throughout the Month.

Rev. Hicks has sent out his February menu in the weather line, and the first storm is due on the 3rd. A progressive warm wave with falling barometer will appear first; cloudiness with rain, turning to snow will follow, and these, attended with more or less storminess, will pass central to eastern parts of the country from about the 3d to the 5th.

By the 8th and 9th all the phenomena of the first storm period will have nearly or quite disappeared, except the cold.

The 19th, 20th and 21st will bring general and very active winter storms, the first stages of which will be warm and tropical—rains with lightning and thunder, especially on and touching the 21st. But in quick order look for change to colder with blizzardous visitations.

The last storm period for February runs from the 25th into March. On and touching the 27th and 28th, growing change to falling barometer, warmer and cloudiness will merge into wide spread rains, fringed on the west and northwest tangents by snow, high winds and much colder.

SENATOR PARKS MADE WRATHY

Name Got In Delinquent Tax List.

Senator Parks arrived at Plymouth Friday evening from Indianapolis in an impetuous state of mind, bent on the enjoyment of a tranquil evening at home. The phone rang soon after he got to his office and conveyed the information from a brother attorney across the street that all the senator's city property had been returned delinquent and was advertised for sale. The senator rushed across to the postoffice bulletin board, and sure enough, in cold relentless letters stood his name, repeated in a row, and down the list he read a description of his home, office and several trust properties, all advertised to be sold to satisfy the taxes. That night, instead of the intended repose with his family at home the senator enveloped in mufflers and snow shoes sought out the city treasurer. The words that followed will not here be recorded. Suffice it to say that the next morning there was a mad printer bending over a page of tabular matter and growing all the while more and more blue.

Dr. Smith of Mentone expresses the sentiments of every loyal citizen in the following article published in his paper, The Tri-county Gazette. "The man who kindles the fire with the catalogues from the department stores, and gives all his trade to his home merchants, is the man who helps to put a better value on your property. The more a town grows and the more business it does, the greater the increase in value of property—both city and farm. The man who patronizes the city department stores in preference to his home merchants, thinking he may save a few pennies, is simply distracting from the wealth of his own community and home."

Miss Jean Dickel has returned to her home at Ft. Wayne, after spending several days with Mrs. R. Moll and other relatives in this city.

Lora Thompson, formerly of this city, is at the Fort Wayne hospital in a serious condition resulting from blood poisoning.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Appleman of Mexico, Ind., have returned home after spending a few days in this city with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gregg and family have returned to their home in Hartford, South Dakota after attending the reunion of the Smith family and visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Smith.

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One of the saddest sights of our day is when a man buries his nose in volumes of sermons or of sociology so as to shut out the sight of the sorrowing.—Chicago Tribune.

SEARCHING FOR HOCH

The Man Who Married Many Wives and Swindled Them Said to Be in Argos.

The story of finding John Hoch of Chicago, a much-married man and swindler, at Argos, seems to be without foundation. The Chicago police are making every effort to apprehend the swindler and it is understood that Capt. Shipley, of the Chicago police has been in Argos following up some clues. The information from Argos was given by Marshal Hagenbush, who discovered a stranger there that answered to Hoch's description. It has developed today that the suspected man is not Hoch. Marshal Hagenbush says there is proof that Hoch is or has been in Argos.

In regard to the widow, Mrs. Mary Schutz, whose photo has been published as one of the women married and victimized by Hoch, there could be no direct information given as to her ever having lived at Argos. The story is that Hoch married her four years ago under the name of Buschberg, and obtained \$2,000 insurance money left by her first husband, and that in June, 1900, she with her five-year-old daughter disappeared and nothing has been heard of him by her relatives since that time.

Marshall Hagerman has tried, but without success, to find out something about the woman, but the people of Argos do not seem to know of the woman. It was claimed by one person that a woman of that name, with a child, lived in the extreme north part of the town four or five years ago which is all that could be learned. The case of Hoch is attracting wide attention.

CUTTING SALARIES

Might Follow This Bill's Passage—Fees Actually Collected.

If a bill introduced in the house Tuesday receives serious consideration from the assembly, county officers of the state will find themselves as much concerned over the workings of the law makers as city officers have become. Representative Potter, (Dem.) of Switzerland county, is author of the two bills to present laws relative to county officers' salaries.

One bill is to repeal the law of 1901, by which ex-county officers receive fees due them when they are collected by their successors in office. The other is to repeal the law that provides for the payment out of the general fund by the county commissioners of the amount lacking in an officer's fees to make up the salary allowed by law. Potter would have the maximum amount to be received by any officer the statutory salary of the officer. In case the fees received exceed this amount, his bill provides, the officer shall turn the excess over to the general fund. In case the fees collected amount to less than the salary, the officer shall receive only the amount of fees. In other words, the stated salary shall be only the maximum amount of compensation that the officer may receive.

Pennsylvania Has Savings Fund.

The Pennsylvania line west of Pittsburg have organized an Employee's Saving fund and any employee may become a depositor and may deposit any sum under a hundred dollars. The company is responsible for the payment and until further notice will pay an interest of 3 1/2 per cent. On January 1st every year the interest will be credited to the depositors account and form part of the principal. This saving fund is only for the use of employees and on leaving the service a depositor is allowed thirty days to close his account. This innovation commences on Feb. 1st, 1905.

Miss Lizzie Lohmough has left for South Bend where she has secured employment.

Mrs. Lydia Lockridge and daughter Lottie have left for Mishawaka where they will make their home for the present.

L. J. Lozier of Milford Oregon spent Monday in this city with Rev. J. F. Pressnell going from South Bend before returning home.

The case of David Wiser against Henry Poor and others in a matter of trust, which was to be tried in court tomorrow has been settled.

Persons desiring to raise corn or tomatoes for the Plymouth Canning Company for the season 1905 can contract at the business places of Ball & Co. M. Allman, F. H. Jacox, J. N. Wilson & Co. and at the offices of Dr. B. Stephens and Adam E. Wise. with

WILLS SUPPORT TO SCHOOL

Millionaire Rumely Provides for Catholic Institution of LaPorte Ind.

LaPorte, Ind., Jan. 25.—The will of Meinrad Rumely, the implement manufacturer who died March 31, last year, leaving a \$1,000,000 estate was probated today. A bequest is made to St. Joseph's Catholic school of this city, a trust being established for the maintenance of the school. The bulk of property in Chicago is bequeathed to his widow, excepting 3,600 shares of stock in the Rumely company, equally divided between the widow and eight children. The heirs live in Indiana, California and Pennsylvania.

How He Raised the Cash

A negro preacher, at the close of sermon made an impressive pause and then proceeded as follows, "I have found it necessary on account of de hard times and de general deficiency ob de circulation mejum in connection wid dis church t' interduce my new ottermatic c'lection box. It is so arranged that a half dollar falls on a red plush cushion without making a noise, a nickel will ring a small bell, distinctly heard by de congregation, and a suspensid button ma fellows, will flash off a pistol: so yo' will govern yoselves accordingly. Let de c'lection-shun now p'ceed, while I takes off mah at an' sing a hymn."

Easter Sunday April 23.

This year Easter Sunday falls on April 23rd. The date is unusually late. But few times in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries has Easter been so belated. In 1810 it fell on April 22nd and on the same date in 1821 and again in 1832. In 1848 it came on April 23 and in 1859 on April 24. The latest Easter recorded in the two centuries was in 1886, when it fell on April 25. There will be but two more Easters on April 23 in the twentieth century, in 1916 and 2000. In 1943 it falls on April 25. Last year Easter came on April 3. The earliest Easter recorded in the two centuries thus far was in 1818, when it fell on March 22.

Ground Hog Day.

Groundhog day will soon be here. An exchange says that it is not generally known why Feb. 2 is always considered ground hog day in Indiana. It is by an act of the legislature Twenty-five or thirty years ago a number of legislators were standing about the lobby of the old Bates house on the morning of February 2, when some one mentioned the fact that it was ground hog day. Others thought the memorable day fell on Feb. 1, while some others thought it was Feb. 3. That morning when the house was called to order P. L. D. Mitchell, representative from Monroe county, introduced a bill making February 2 ground hog day. The bill was passed without discussion amid a roar of laughter and went to the senate and was passed the same day. Later in the evening it was signed by the governor. February 2 has been known as ground hog day ever since.

Case of Assault and Battery.

The case of the state of Indiana against Wm. Henderson, for assault and battery with intent to kill, which was brought here from Fulton county on a change of venue was given to the jury Thursday and they returned a verdict of \$100 fine against the defendant.

Death of Mrs. Backstrom.

Mrs. E. V. Backstrom who resides on the Starke county line near Donaldson, died this morning at 2 o'clock aged 47 years and 2 months.

Deceased was born in Sweden November 27, 1857 and has resided near Donaldson for many years. She leaves to mourn her death her husband and two children, one son and one daughter besides many friends.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Swedish church near Donaldson and interment in the Swedish cemetery.

Saturday night Justice Molter recognized a beggar sitting on the corner as the man that had been pliffing around his premises and had let his shoats out of the pen and crawled in himself. He ordered him off the corner but the beggar declined to go, and Andy took his station by him and told the people as they stopped that he was a fraud. The man had to move on, but he became "sassy" and threatened to set Andy's face on the back of his head and to otherwise disfigure his anatomy.

Mrs. Devina Weidner, of Canton, O., who has been spending a few days with her sister Mrs. C. T. Allen, in this city went to Argos to spend a few days with relatives before returning home.

NO MORE RAILROAD SUBSIDIES

Bill Repealing Subsidy Law Passed After Fight in House.

Representative McDonald's bill, repealing the law permitting subsidies to be voted to railroads and interurban electric lines, was passed by the House yesterday by a vote of 57 to 39, with little argument.

The law was passed by the legislature of 1869, of which Representative McDonald was a member, and he voted for the bill at that time. A few days ago he declared that the law was working a hardship on the people of the state as the corporations had grown healthy enough to live without subsidies.

Members from the southern part of the state, where it is said more railroads are needed, were generally opposed to it, and many of them voted against it. The Marion county delegation divided on the question.

By meeting at 9 o'clock yesterday morning the House succeeded in accomplishing a great deal of work before adjourning at noon until 10 o'clock this morning.

Representative Guir's bill, providing a general remonstrance to last for two years against any kind and all applicants for liquor licenses, which has been favorably reported by the Committee on Morals, did not come up, but was made a special order of business tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

REDEEM YOUR PAST FAILURES

Never Yet Has Man Fallen To Where He Can Not Rise.

You may say that you have failed too often; that there is no use in trying, that it is impossible for you to succeed, and that you have fallen too often even to attempt to get on your feet again. Nonsense! There is no failure for a man whose spirit is unconquered. No matter how late the hour, or how many and repeated his failures, success is still possible. The evolution of Scrooge, the miser, in the closing years of his life, from a hard, narrow, heartless money-grubber, whose soul was imprisoned in his shining heap of hoarded gold, to generous, genial lover of his kind, is no mere myth of Dicken's brain. Time and again, in the history of our daily lives, chronicled in our newspapers, recorded in biographies, or exhibited before our eyes, we see men and women redeeming past failures, rising up out of the stupor of discouragement, and boldly turning face forward once more.—O. S. Marden in Success Magazine.

Hosier Happenings.

After a severe fight, Charles Bohannon, near Clarksburg, captured a bald-headed eagle measuring seven feet from tip to tip. The bird was chloroformed and will be mounted.

Bert C. Turner, with a wife and several children in LaCrosse, Wis., and who married a second wife at Washburn, has been committed to prison under the indecent exposure act, for bigamy.

Niles Sweeney, a Muncie barber, trimmed a corn and then put on a pair of new black socks. The coloring matter from the socks poisoned his foot, and he is now in a serious condition at the city hospital.

The engagement of John A. Ross, formerly of Anderson, and now one of the editors of the Kalamazoo Gazette, and Miss Alice Frost, of Kalamazoo, is announced, the marriage to occur late in the spring.

A well dressed stranger entered John Homberger's jewelry store at Lawrenceburg and, waiting until the proprietor's back was turned, substituted a worthless ring for one valued at \$75 and made his escape.

Walter Fetter, of Bluffton, bounced for "persuasive activity" during the recent presidential campaign, will make no further effort to be restored as rural mail carrier, and he will resign as treasurer of the National Rural Carrier's Association.

The family is still unable to solve the mystery of the suicide of Samuel Myers, a wealthy farmer, near Frankfort, a man of jovial disposition and with pleasant domestic surroundings, who shot himself to death while in his barn. He left a wife and eight children and was 55 years old.

Mathias Schafer, formerly a Decatur saloonkeeper, sold his investment to D. B. Crabill, and afterward he took his friends into the place while it was closed, forgetting that he was not still the owner, and treated them. Crabill caused his arrest and he has been placed under \$400 bonds, to await grand jury action.

Mrs. Ella McCormick is spending a few days with friends at Grovertown.